Auction of plots by DDA

815. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether plots auctioned by D.D.A. in the fourth week of April, 1986 near Nehru Place, Delhi have been handed over to the successful bidders;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps taken by D.D.A. to hand over these plots to the bidders expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) No plot of land near Nehru Place has been auctioned by the DDA in the fourth week of April, 1986. Since no plots have been auctioned, question of handing over possession to the successful bidders does not arise.

Shortage of water in Delhi

816. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe shortage of water in several areas of Delhi and New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what specific steps are being taken to meet the shortage on a short and a long term basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) At present 407 mgd, of water is being supplied against the assessed demand of 472 mgd.

(b) As a short term measure, water tankers are deployed in scarcity pockets in order to maintain adquate supply of drinking water.

By 1990, the projected demand of water is assessed at 592 mgd. and to achieve this production, the following works have been proposed.

(1) Construction of additional Ranney Wells to yield 20 MGD.

(2) Construction of additional 100 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Haiderpur by exchange of Sewage effluent for raw water from Haryana.

(3) Setting up of additional 40 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Wazirabad.

(4) Construction of 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Wazirabad.

Supply of water in Gujarat

817. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps and measures have been taken to supply water in various parts of Gujarat where acute shortage have arisen due to drought;

(b) how much amount in cash and kind have been sanctioned and given for the same during 1st January, 1986 to 15th July, 1987;

(c) what plans and proposals, letters and memorandums have been received from Gujarat Government, various agencies organisations; and VIPs in this connection to solve the scarcity problems permanently or as a long term and short term basis, and;

(d) what are the details of various reports submitted by various experts and committees deputed by Centre to Gujarat in this connection to study the scarcity issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The supply of safe drinking water facilities to drought affected people is arranged by the State Government. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by giving technical and financial assistance.

The Government of Gujarat have prepared a detailed Master Plan incorporating various permanent, semi-permanent and temporary measures in drought affected areas. Such measures include drilling of 100 mm., 150 mm. diameter bores and construction of deep tubewells. Temporary measures include deepening of wells, supply of water by road tankers in villages and conservation of water

(b) Central assistance approved for Drinking Water sector to Government of Gujarat is as under:—

	(Rs in crore)
(1) Under drought relief (from 1.1.86 to 15.7.1987).	(from crore)
(i) Approved in March/April 86	35.00
(ii) Approved in February, 1987	20.26
	55.26
(2) Amount released under ARWSP (1.1.86 to 30.6.87) .	25.70

(c) Government of Gujarat submitted a detailed master plan for provision of drinking water involving an estimated cost of Rs. 94.23 crores. In April, 1987, the Chief Minister of Gujarat requested for additional special Central assistance of Rs. 57.00 crores to meet the drinking water scarcity in the State during the current drought.

(d) A Technical Team visited the State in the month of May, 1987 and made *inter alia* the following recommendations:

(i) The towns of Godhra and Gondal need augmentation of supply.

(ii) Rajkot City Water Supply Scheme (based on Bhadar Reservoir) and Jamnagar City Water Supply Scheme (based on Under Reservoir) can be completed immediately.

(iii) Reverse Osmosis, Electro Dialysis Plants should be installed in coastal areas and in areas like Banaskantha, Surendranagar, Sabarkantha districts.

(iv) Construction of rain water harvesting structures like percolation tanks, check dams etc.